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In re application of:

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Title: GAMING SYSTEM USING SINGLE PLAYER-IDENTIFICATION

CARD FOR PERFORMING MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 17, 2009

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2009, Applicants submit the following Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 for the above identified application, comprising the following parts:

- Listing of the Claims, beginning on page 2;
- II. Remarks, beginning on page 5; and
- III. Conclusion, beginning on page 14.

The shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on June 17, 2009. A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is submitted concurrently herewith, extending the time period for reply to July 17, 2009. Accordingly, please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.